

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: ITABASHI, et al.
Filed: September 25, 2001
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING WIRES AND INSULATOR
LAYERS WITH VIA-STUDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 25, 2001

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to
examination thereof, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the present title in its entirety, and
substitute therefor the following new title:

--SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING WIRES AND INSULATOR LAYERS
WITH VIA-STUDS--.

Page 1, between the title and the heading "BACKGROUND OF
THE INVENTION", please insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a Divisional application of
application Serial No. 09/317,955, filed May 25, 1999.--

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REMARKS

Applicants have amended the title of the above-identified application, to reflect the subject matter being claimed therein.

Applicants have added a new paragraph on page 1 of the specification, to set forth the prior application being relied upon under 35 USC 120, consistent with the requirements of 35 USC 120.

It is respectfully submitted that these amendments to the specification do not add new matter to the application.

Entry of the present amendments, and examination of the above-identified application on the merits in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.37226VX1) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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